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“12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety” Campaign Tip for Day 8

Jackson – Live Christmas tree maintenance is the focus of the fire safety tip for Day 8 of the State Fire Marshal’s “12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety” Campaign. Beginning Friday, December 12, and every day for the next 12 days, the State Fire Marshal’s Office will highlight a Christmas Fire Safety tip. The tips will focus on various areas that hold the potential for starting holiday fires. Areas covered include decorating, tree trimming and maintenance, entertaining and cooking.

The tip for Day 8 is:

Day 8 - Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

The State Fire Marshal’s Office says a live tree can absorb as much as a quart of water a day. A moist tree is less of a fire hazard than a dry tree shedding needles.

The “12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety” Campaign is part of an ongoing State Fire Marshal’s Office effort to educate Mississippians on the dangers of holiday fires.

A special “12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety” webpage has been developed for the Mississippi Insurance Department website www.mid.state.ms.us and will be updated with each day’s new tip. Additional Christmas fire safety tips will be available on the website as well.